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Case CM2108

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC § 371 from
the International Application of :
SMETS, Johan et al :
Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/10855 :
Filed in the RO/US on 17 May 1999 :
Entitled: Laundry Detergent And/Or Fabric Care Compositions
Comprising Chemical Components Linked To A Cellulose
Binding Domain

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTSIN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A chemical entity according to claim 1 wherein said amino acid sequence comprising a cellulose binding domain having a binding constant for Avicel (Kr-av) and/or for amorphous cellulose (Kr-am) of at least 1.5 l/gcellulose, is selected from a fungal strain of Family I.
4. (Amended) A chemical entity according to claim 1 wherein said amino acid sequence comprising a cellulose binding domain has a binding constant for crystalline cellulose (Kr-c) of at least 10 l/gcellulose, and/or having a binding constant for Avicel (Kr-av) and/or for amorphous cellulose (Kr-am) of at least 5 l/gcellulose, is selected from a bacterial strain of Family II, III, or IV.